

To: Conservation Commission
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Subject: TSP Status

Background

NRCS has committed to provide \$500,000 toward technical service activities with Conservation Districts for work on Farm Bill Program implementation utilizing one agreement with the WSCC.

In an effort to leverage this federal funding opportunity for conservation work in Conservation Districts and our state, the WSCC authorized various state funding sources to Conservation Districts as the 50% eligible match toward TSP Contribution Agreements if the district chooses to enter into an agreement through the WSCC. State funding available to be used as match includes Basic Funding, Water Quality Implementation, Puget Sound Workplan, Engineering, and Livestock funding.

The anticipated advantages to this umbrella TSP process through the WSCC doubles a District's funding for work identified in the District's long range and annual plans of work. The process provides a standardized, familiar granting, vouchering, and audit system to Districts.

Current Status

The \$500,000 Contribution Agreement with NRCS for EQIP work was signed December 21, 2005, and approved by the State Office of Financial Management on January 5, 2006.

Currently we have \$79,08 in TSP work committed through six Task Orders.

Participating CD	Task Order Amount
Kittitas	\$6,446
Grant	\$52,800
Grant	\$9,485
Grant	\$5,128
So Yakima	\$3888
Mason	<u>\$1,340</u>
Total	\$79,087

Anticipated TSP Work Load

The latest survey completed by Ray Ledgerwood January 3rd indicates 11 additional Conservation Districts (4 west, 4 east, and 3 central) will be participating at \$196,923.